

## SNAPSHOT&gt;&gt;

## Louisiana

Overall Rank: 49

Change:  1

## Strengths:

- Ready access to adequate prenatal care
- Low prevalence of binge drinking
- Few poor mental and physical health days

## Challenges:

- Low immunization coverage
- High percentage of children in poverty
- High rate of uninsured population

## Significant Changes:

- In the past year, the rate of uninsured population increased by 24%
- In the past year, the violent crime rate increased by 17%
- In the past year, the prevalence of obesity declined by 12%
- Since 1990, the percentage of children in poverty decreased by 38%

RANKING: Louisiana is 49th this year; it was 50th in 2006.

## STRENGTHS:

Strengths include ready access to adequate prenatal care with 82.8 percent of pregnant women receiving adequate prenatal care, a low prevalence of binge drinking at 13.1 percent of the population and few poor mental and physical health days per month at 3.2 days and 3.3 days in the previous 30 days, respectively.

## CHALLENGES:

Challenges include low immunization coverage with 72.3 percent of children ages 19 to 35 months receiving complete immunizations, a high infant mortality rate at 9.9 deaths per 1,000 live births, a high premature death rate with 10,802 years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population, a high rate of uninsured population at 21.9 percent, a high percentage of children in poverty at 23.8 percent of persons under age 18, a high rate of preventable hospitalizations with 111.9 discharges per 1,000 Medicare enrollees and a high rate of cancer deaths at 221.9 deaths per 100,000 population. Louisiana ranks lower for health determinants than for health outcomes, indicating that overall healthiness may continue to remain low.

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:

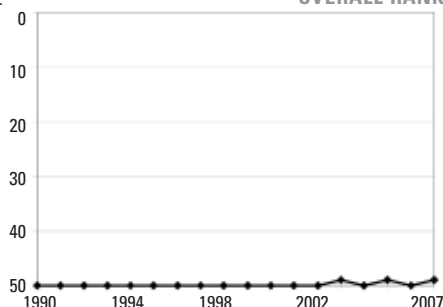
- ▲ In the past year, the rate of uninsured population increased from 17.7 percent to 21.9 percent.
- ▲ In the past year, the violent crime rate increased from 597 to 698 offenses per 100,000 population.
- ▼ In the past year, the prevalence of obesity declined from 30.8 percent to 27.1 percent of the population.
- ▼ Since 1990, the percentage of children in poverty decreased from 38.5 percent to 23.8 percent of persons under age 18.

## HEALTH DISPARITIES:

In Louisiana, blacks experience 54 percent more premature death than whites. In the large metropolitan areas, residents in the central counties experience 47 percent more premature death than residents in the fringe counties.

STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WEB SITE: [www.oph.dhh.state.la.us/](http://www.oph.dhh.state.la.us/)

## OVERALL RANK



DETERMINANTS	2007		2006		2000		1990	
	VALUE	RANK	VALUE	RANK	VALUE	RANK	VALUE	RANK
<b>PERSONAL BEHAVIORS</b>								
Prevalence of Smoking (Percent of population)	23.4	43	22.6	37	23.5	30	29.1	22
Prevalence of Binge Drinking (Percent of population)	13.1	11	14*	20*	15*	26*	—	—
Prevalence of Obesity (Percent of population)	27.1↓	38	30.8	48	22.3	45	12.3	33
High School Graduation (Percent of incoming ninth graders)	69.4	39	64.1	44	55.4*	48*	61.6*	50
<b>COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT</b>								
Violent Crime (Offenses per 100,000 population)	698↑	46	597	42	780	45	693	43
Occupational Fatalities (Deaths per 100,000 workers)	8.4↓	41	11.7	46	7.8	42	11.8*	37
Infectious Disease (Cases per 100,000 population)	28.3	45	28.0	44	40.4	39	31.4	26
Children in Poverty (Percent of persons under age 18)	23.8	48	24.7	47	26.6	49	38.5	49
<b>PUBLIC &amp; HEALTH POLICIES</b>								
Lack of Health Insurance (Percent without health insurance)	21.9↑	48	17.7	43	21.1	48	22.7	48
Per Capita Public Health Spending (Dollars per person)	\$121	33	\$121	33	—	—	—	—
Immunization Coverage (Percent of children ages 19 to 35 months)	72.3	49	76.0	43	72.3	31	—	—
<b>CLINICAL CARE</b>								
Adequacy of Prenatal Care (Percent of pregnant women)	82.8	6	82.8	6	77.6*	19*	67*	34*
Primary Care Physicians (Number per 100,000 population)	113.5	26	115.9	22	—	—	—	—
Preventable Hospitalizations (Number per 1,000 Medicare enrollees)	111.9	48	105.1	47	—	—	—	—
<b>ALL DETERMINANTS</b>	-14.3	50	-13.9	50	-11.0	49	-10.1	49
<b>HEALTH OUTCOMES</b>								
Poor Mental Health Days (Days in previous 30 days)	3.2↑	18	2.7	4	3.1	31	—	—
Poor Physical Health Days (Days in previous 30 days)	3.3↓	17	3.8	40	3.2	23	—	—
Infant Mortality (Deaths per 1,000 live births)	9.9	49	9.9	49	9.3	47	11.8	45
Cardiovascular Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)	349.6	42	355.4	42	379.7	39	432.1	44
Cancer Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)	221.9	48	223.3	48	229.8	48	210.2	41
Premature Death (Years lost per 100,000 population)	10,802	49	10,530	49	9,827	49	10,178	47
<b>ALL HEALTH OUTCOMES</b>	-4.3	43	-6.5	44	-8.7	49	-4.1	46
<b>OVERALL RANK</b>	-18.6	49	-20.4	50	-19.7	50	-14.3	50

↓ and ↑ indicate major increases and decreases in the last year. — indicates data not available. \*Data may not be comparable.